

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**  
**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 4, 2013**

**Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:**

**Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Chair**

**Robert E. Bartro, DDS, Vice Chair**

**Donald C. Williams, Secretary**

**Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS**

**Martin C. Nager, DMD**

**Craig VanDongen, DDS**

**Maureen Ross, RDH, BS**

**Thomas Bertrand, MPH**

**Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.**

**Robert Ricci, Ph.D**

**Russell Chin, DDS**

**Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA**

**Maryellen Simas, RDH**

**Stephen J. Puerini, DMD**

**Caroline Danish, DDS**

**Staff Members in Attendance: Others in Attendance:**

**Donna Costantino Dr. Marian Royer RIDA**

**Benjamin Copple, JD Marie Jones-Bridges RIDHA**

**James McDonald, MD Valerie G. Celantano, RIDA**

**Pamela Schultz   Lynn McShane, RIDAA**

**Linda Phillips**

**Linda Esposito**

**Karlene Brown**

### **Establishment of Quorum:**

**A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Robert Bartro to accept the OPEN Minutes of November 6, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

### **Administrative Issues:**

### **Announcements:**

**No Board Meeting will be held in January 2014 due to no quorum. The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.**

**Thomas Bertrand provided information to Board Members, and made recommendations, regarding the processes for Quality Metrics.**

**The list of issued licenses was announced to all Board Members present. Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Russell Chin to approve the list of licensees. Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Subcommittee Progress Reports were presented as follows:**

**Regulation Review – Mr. Donald Williams**

**Mr. Williams provided copies of the proposed changes in Rules and Regulations and/or statute regarding office inspections for 2014. Attorney Benjamin Copple advised the Board regarding the proposals.**

**Infection Control – Dr. Robert Bartro**

**Dr. Bartro read the minutes of the November 20, 2013 Infection Control subcommittee meeting. Discussion took place about the Department of Health developing a checklist based on the CDC checklist for inspections, rather than the Board developing one. Question was also raised as to whether a checklist is the proper tool**

to use for the purpose of compliance. Marie Jones-Bridges expressed that the RI Dental Hygiene Association agrees that the CDC guidelines should be the standard to follow regarding infection control. Dr. Marian Royer expressed concerns about the Department of Health regulating the infection control guidelines. A Motion was made by Thomas Bertrand and seconded by Dr. Martin Nager to follow the state Rules and Regulations on infection control, based on the CDC guidelines.

#### **Continuing Education – Dr. Martin Nager**

Dr. Martin Nager had no report to share for this meeting.

#### **Botox/Anesthesia Guidelines – Dr. Joseph Samartano**

Dr. Samartano gave an overview of two meetings that were held. He stated that three definitions were added, including “patient monitoring” which would assist dentists. The lack of training for someone in this role was questioned and discussed at length. This issue will be further discussed at their next subcommittee meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Mr. Donald Williams suggested that any proposed licensing fee changes should be brought before the Board for approval.

Ms. Kerri Friel would like to require a list of Dental

**Assistants/Certified Dental Assistants working in the state, and proposed amending the dental license renewal process to request information about who Dentists employ as Dental Assistants or Certified Dental Assistants. A Motion was made by Mr. Donald Williams and seconded by Dr. Russell Chin to amend the application to keep dental licensure renewal to include dental assistance to comply with statute.**

**Public Comment:**

**Valerie Celantano commented that she will cross reference hygienist and/or dentist who work in multiple offices.**

**Dr. Marian Royer commented that she would like to see DOH also come up with the anesthesia guidelines.**

**Marie Jones-Bridges commented that the CDC guidelines are what we should be doing with the DOH and the Association.**

**Motion was made by Tom Bertrand and seconded by Dr. Nager that findings would go to the DOH for recommendation with the CDC guidelines**

**Adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Craig VanDongen and seconded by Dr.**

**Joseph Samartano to adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the RI General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN Meeting -and-**

**Pursuant to Section 42-46-5(2) of the RI General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.**

**Return to OPEN Session:**

**Motion was made by Dr. Stephen Puerini and seconded by Dr. Robert Ricci to seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session pursuant to Section 42-46(1) and (2) of the RI General Laws. Motion carried.**

**Final Actions: None**

**Adjourn:**

**The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held February 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. Motion**

**was made by Mr. Louis Marciano and seconded by Dr. Robert Ricci to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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